

**Notice of Allowability**

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Examiner

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Applicant(s)

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All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☒ This communication is responsive to the AMENDMENT filed on March 30, 2006.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 1-4, 13-18, 24-26, 29, 30 and 33.
3. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some\* c) ☐ None of the:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
  2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. \_\_\_\_\_.
  3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this national stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

\* Certified copies not received: \_\_\_\_\_.

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**THIS THREE-MONTH PERIOD IS NOT EXTENDABLE.**

4. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
5. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
- (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
- 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date \_\_\_\_\_.
- (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date \_\_\_\_\_.
- Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).
6. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

**Attachment(s)**

1. ☐ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2. ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3. ☐ Information Disclosure Statements (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08), Paper No./Mail Date \_\_\_\_\_
4. ☐ Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit of Biological Material
5. ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
6. ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413), Paper No./Mail Date \_\_\_\_\_
7. ☐ Examiner's Amendment/Comment
8. ☒ Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
9. ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_

**TADESSE HAILU**  
Patent Examiner

***Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance***

1. This Office Action is in response to the Amendment submitted/entered with filing of RCE on March 30, 2006.
2. Claims 1-4, 13-18, 24-26, 29, 30, and 33 are allowed. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:

The present invention relates to methods and systems for obtaining data from legacy computer systems, wherein when a layout screen terminal is modified, the new layout is presented to the user without updating the code of the application.

Likewise, Janay et al (5,530,961) is directed to an improved user terminal, wherein if a remote application at a host is changed, the display routine is not rewritten (without updating) to recognize new fields (see column 3, lines 20-38). While Janay is related to the current invention, Janay fails to teach the claimed invention as amended.

Yoshikawa et al (6,061,516) relates to and discloses an online application processing system and method for performing application processing by gaining access to a host computer (also called a general-purpose or mainframe computer) via communication means. (Col.1, lines 5-14). While Yoshikawa discloses most of the claimed subject matter as recited in the previous action, Final Office action, Yoshikawa, however fails to teach the amended portion of the current claimed invention.

Furthermore, Yoshikawa's in view of IBM Technical Disclosure Bulletin, "Screen Design Facility," (IBM) teaches Screen Definition Information ("configuration file") comprises several location identifiers including row, column and length field identifiers,

including a screen number field identifier, a unique sequential screen Id (IBM, see the first page). Although Yoshikawa's in view of IBM discloses screen field information stored in Screen Definition Information (i.e. configuration file), but Yoshikawa's in view of IBM fails to disclose the amended portion of the current Independent claims, and as a result, Yoshikawa's in view of IBM fails to disclose the combination of claimed elements of the current claimed invention. For example, Claim 1, now includes recitations to the "configuration file" not found in the prior art; storing the screen field information in a format comprising "storing the screen name followed by an underscore character, storing the screen field identifier following the underscore character and being followed by an equal sign character, storing the screen number following the equal sign character and being followed by a first colon character, storing the field row following the first colon and being followed by a second colon, storing the field column following the second colon and being followed by a third colon, and storing the field length following the third colon;" The rest of the independent claims 3, 13, 24, 26, 30, and 33 substantially recite similar limitations with claim 1.

Thus, prior art neither renders obvious nor anticipates the combination of claimed elements in light of the specification.

3. Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

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### CONCLUSION

4. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the Examiner should be directed to Tadesse Hailu, whose telephone number is (571) 272-4051. The Examiner can normally be reached on M-F from 10:30 – 7:00 ET. If attempts to reach the Examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the Examiner's supervisor, Kincaid, Kristine, can be reached at (571) 272-4063 Art Unit 2173 and 2174.

3. An inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application or proceeding should be directed to the Group receptionist whose telephone number is (703) 305-3900.

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